

Fun with Stamps – 1

Stamp Playing

Here are some games to play inside when it's raining cats & dogs. They all require a little initial preparation, but they can be played again and again!

STAMP PUFF...FFFFFFFF

You will need:

- a stamp
- a table with lines marked about 30cm from each end

How to play:

1. Divide the players into two equal teams.
2. Give each person in the team a number.
3. Number 1 from team A will be playing against number 1 from team B, etc.
4. Place the stamp in the centre of the table
5. When the leader calls a number, say '2', number 2 from each team runs to the end of the table and starts to blow.
6. The aim is to blow the stamp across the opponent's goal line.

Blow like mad!

Don't spit in their eye!

FIND YOUR PARTNER

A noisy game, best suited to a group of fifteen or more players.

You will need:

- Cards with stamp words which are cut in half.

Here are some examples to get you started:

ST	AMP
CL	UB
TWE	EZERS
HIN	GE
MI	NT
SHE	ET

How to play:

Give out the cards so no one knows who has what.

Now, find your partners!



PIN THE CROWN ON THE QUEEN

This is the Fun with Stamps version of Pin the tail on the donkey (with apologies to Her Majesty!).

You will need:

- an enlarged photocopy of the Queen without her crown
- a cardboard crown
- a drawing pin or map pin
- a scarf to use as a blindfold
- a noticeboard that all players can reach

How to play:

Players take turns to be blindfolded and try to pin the crown on the Queen. The one who gets closest to the Royal head is the winner!

STAMP CONCENTRATION

This is a quiet game for one to four players.

You will need:

- 36 matched pairs of stamps glued onto cards of the same size and colour

How to play:

1. Lay the cards out face down, in four rows of nine.
2. Players take turns to turn over two cards at a time, trying to find matching pairs.
3. Players keep each matching pair they find.
4. Finding a matching pair allows the player to have another turn.
5. Cards that do not match are turned over and returned to the same spot.
6. The player with the most pairs wins.

The advanced version:

To really try concentration and powers of observation, include stamps from a series, such as those shown below!

